

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 9 as set forth below.

1. (Currently Amended) An optical disc camcorder comprising:
 - a base plate assembly;
 - a pair of rotary shafts; and
 - a camcorder main body having an internal sub-chassis,
wherein said base plate assembly is mounted on said sub-chassis,
wherein each of said rotary shafts is individually attached to opposite ends of said sub-chassis along a longitudinal axis so that said sub-chassis is swingably attached along a longitudinal axis of said pair of rotary shafts and said base plate assembly rotates axially about each rotary shaft, and
wherein a weight is attached to a first portion of said base plate assembly so that the center of gravity of said base plate assembly is shifted towards the first portion,
wherein the base plate assembly rotates about said pair of axial shafts so that said base plate assembly is inclined a first direction when the camcorder main body is inclined in a second direction, and
wherein said first direction is a direction inverse to said second direction.
2. (Previously Presented) The optical disc camcorder according to Claim 1, further comprising:
a locking mechanism for fixedly securing said base plate assembly to said optical disc camcorder main body.
3. (Original) The optical disc camcorder according to Claim 1, further comprising a stopper means for restricting range of swing movement of said base plate assembly in the periphery of said rotary shaft and also for absorbing shock..
4. (Canceled)
5. (Previously Presented) An optical disc camcorder comprising:
 - a camcorder main body;

a sub-chassis internal to said camcorder main body;
a base plate being secured to the sub-chassis of said camcorder main body via a damper, wherein said base plate is fitted with a turn table for rotating an optical disc;

a pair of rotary axial shafts;
a spindle motor for rotating said turn table;
an optical pickup system; and
a seek operation mechanism provided for said optical pickup system,
wherein each rotary axial shaft is individually attached to opposite ends of said sub-chassis and along a longitudinal axis;

wherein said optical pickup system and said seek operation mechanism are mounted on said sub-chassis along a longitudinal axis of said pair of rotary shafts; and

wherein said optical disc is further provided with a skew sensor for detecting skew and a skew correcting mechanism for rotating said sub-chassis in an axial direction about each rotary axial shaft to cancel the skew in accordance with an output from the skew sensor.

6. (Original) The optical disc camcorder according to Claim 5, further comprising a rotary shaft for correcting skew at an end point of said turn table.

7. (Original) The optical disc camcorder according to Claim 5, wherein said skew correcting mechanism controls a position of said optical pickup system so as not to come into contact with an optical disc.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) An optical disc camcorder comprising:
a base plate assembly;
a pair of rotary shafts; and
a camcorder main body having an internal sub-chassis,
wherein said base plate assembly is mounted on said sub-chassis,
wherein each of said rotary shafts is individually attached to opposite ends of said sub-chassis along a longitudinal axis so that said sub-chassis is swingably attached along a longitudinal axis of said pair of rotary shafts and said base plate assembly rotates axially about each rotary shaft, and

wherein a weight is attached to a first portion of said base plate assembly so that the center of gravity of said base plate assembly is shifted towards the first portion, and

wherein the first portion of said base plate assembly is located below said pair of rotary shafts so that said base plate assembly freely rotates about said pair of rotary shafts to preserve a constant posture based on the position of the center of gravity of said base plate assembly relative to said pair of rotary shafts.